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OF THE

CONFRATERNITY

OF

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

OF THE

Body and Blood of Christ

(American Branch)

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This Confraternity now embraces in one body and under one united Executive, two formerly distinct Associations, viz., "The Society of the Blessed Sacrament," instituted Christmas, 1860, and "The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament," inaugurated the first Thursday in Advent, 1862; the amalgamation having been sanctioned and ratified February 26, 1867, by their respective representatives in Council assembled.

The American Branch of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament was instituted September 11, 1867.

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, December 7, 1888.

The following have served as Superior-General in the American Branch of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament:

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Ave verum Corpus.

HAIL to Thee! true Body sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb!
The Same that on the Cross was hung,
And bore for man the bitter doom!
Hear us, merciful and mild,
JESU! Mary's gracious Child.

From Whose Side for sinners riven
Water flowed and mingled Blood!
May'st Thou, dearest Lord be given
In death's hour to be my Food.
Hear us, merciful and mild,
JESU! Mary's gracious Child.

Amen.

The Manual.

PART I.

Objects, Rules, Etc.,

OF

THE CONFRATERNITY.

Objects.

1. The Honor due to the Person of our LORD JESUS CHRIST in the BLESSED SACRAMENT of His BODY and BLOOD.
2. Mutual and special Intercession at the time of and in union with the EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE.
3. The promotion of the observance of the Catholic and primitive Law of receiving the Holy Communion fasting.

Rules.

1. To Communicate, or at least to be present, on Sundays and the greater Festivals

and other Holy-days, when the HOLY EUCHARIST is Celebrated, unless prevented by sickness or other urgent cause.

2. To promote, by all legitimate means, frequent and reverent Celebrations of the HOLY EUCHARIST, as the Chief Act of Divine Service.

3. To make such special Intercessions as shall be from time to time directed.

4. To observe the discipline of Fasting Communion, unless dispensed by proper authority.

Recommendations.

1. To give careful attention to Preparation before, and Thanksgiving after, every Communion.

2. To make, at every Celebration, one or more of the following Acts—

   Of Faith.
   Of Adoration.
   Of Spiritual Communion.
   Of Thanksgiving.
   Of Reparation.
   Of Intercession.
   Of Prayer for the Visible Unity of Christendom.

3. To make Acts of Spiritual Communion, when deprived of the opportunity of receiving the HOLY EUCHARIST.

4. To make Offerings for the due and reverent Celebration of the HOLY EUCHARIST.

Laws.

I. Constitution.

1. The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ shall consist of Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Communicants of both sexes who are practicing Catholics and members of, or in Communion with, the Episcopal Church.

II. Membership.

2. Subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, any one being a Communicant shall be eligible to become an Associate of this Confraternity.

3. Such person being desirous of becoming an Associate of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, shall signify his or her wish to the Secretary-General, or to any Priest-Associate, in the following form:

*I, ——, being a practicing Catholic, and a *Bishop, Priest, Deacon, Communicant Member of, or in Communion with, the Episcopal Church, do request to be admitted an Associate of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, and do hereby concur in its Objects, Rules, Recommendations and Laws.*

Address .....

Name in full .....

Date .....

*Erase the description not applicable to the Candidate.

Laws of the Confraternity.

I, ——, Associate of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, do, from personal knowledge, recommend the aforesaid —— to be admitted and enrolled among the Associates of this Confraternity.

4. Candidates may be admitted to Membership by any Priest-Associate, according to a form hereinafter set forth. (See Manual, Part II.) Notice of the admission of an Associate must be sent to the Secretary-General within thirty days, that the name may be registered and the Intercession paper forwarded.

5. The Secretary-General may admit candidates to Membership, upon their signing the Application and being properly recommended, without the use of the form in the Manual, when it shall appear that it is necessary.

6. Those thus authorized to admit Associates should exercise great caution, and assure themselves of special devotional fitness and stability on the part of the Candidate.

7. Associates are expected to make Offerings, according to their ability, to the General Fund of the Confraternity, from time to time, and especially upon the day of their admission.

8. All Lay Associates are required to join the Parish Ward, or if there be none, to register upon the Roll of the nearest Priest-Associate holding such Roll.

9. Any Associate whose conduct shall be

unsatisfactory, or who shall cease to be, so far as may appear, a consistent Member of the Confraternity, shall, if needful, after due notice to such Associate, be reported to the Secretary-General, who may, if necessary, remove from Membership, subject to an appeal to the Superior-General.

III. Organization.

10. A Priest-Associate shall be appointed by the Superior General to act as a Director of the Confraternity in each Province.

11. The duties of such Directors shall be

(a) To make arrangements for the celebration of the Annual Festival of the Confraternity on Corpus Christi, if possible in a central city or town, convenient for the greatest number of Associates.

(b) To give Conferences in different places, when requested, upon the subject of The Eucharist.

(c) To keep a list of the Associates in their respective Districts; to strive in every way to promote the growth of the Confraternity; and to make an annual report to the Secretary-General before Whitsunday.

IV. Government.

12. The Confraternity shall be governed by a Superior-General and a Council, elected as hereinafter provided.

13. The Superior-General, Secretary-General and Treasurer-General shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

14. Each Ward shall be under a Priest-Associate, who shall be called Superior of the Ward.

V. Officers.

Their Appointment and Duties.

(1.) *The Superior-General.*

15. The Superior-General shall be either a Bishop, or Priest, elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council for three year terms beginning 1953.

He may appoint a Vice-Superior-General who legally resides in Cook County, Illinois, if required by the laws of incorporation.

16. In case of vacancy in the office, the Superior-General may be elected at a special meeting of the Council to be called for that purpose by the Secretary-General.

17. It shall be his duty to govern the Confraternity according to its objects and laws, with the advice of the Council.

(2.) *The Secretary-General and the Treasurer-General.*

18. The Confraternity shall have a Secretary-General, and a Treasurer-General, each to be elected for three year terms (Treasurer-General beginning 1954; Secretary-General beginning 1955) at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting of the Council.

19. The Secretary-General shall keep the Registers of the Confraternity and the Minute Books of the Council, conduct all necessary Correspondence, send out Notices, and distribute the Intercession Papers, under the direction of the Superior-General. He shall

receive all moneys in whatsoever way contributed, giving his receipt therefor, keep a correct, detailed account thereof in suitable books and pay such moneys monthly to the Treasurer-General.

20. The Treasurer-General shall receive all moneys belonging to the Confraternity from the Secretary-General, giving him his receipt therefor, and keep in suitable books a just and accurate account thereof; he shall make all disbursements authorized by the Superior-General or by the Council; reporting the Receipts and Expenditures from time to time for the guidance of the Council, and presenting a Yearly Account at the Annual Meeting.

(3.) *The Council.*

21. The Council shall consist of the Superior-General together with the Vice-Superior - General, Secretary - General, Treasurer-General, Provincial Directors, and twelve Priests-Associate, who shall be elected by the council. It shall meet annually some day within the Octave of Corpus Christi, and at such other times as the Superior-General may direct. The Superior-General, on the requisition of not less than ten members of the Council, shall convene a Special Meeting within thirty days of the date thereof.

22. Associates who are Bishops shall be *ex-officio* members of the Council. Honorary members may be elected to the Council.

23. The Council may make By-Laws for its own guidance.

(4.) *The Board of Trustees.*

24. The Superior-General, Secretary-General and Treasurer-General shall constitute the Board of Trustees, whose duty it shall be to hold in trust all moneys and other property belonging to the Confraternity.

VI. Of Wards.

(1.) *Who may Organize Wards.*

25. Any Priest-Associate, who is the Rector or Priest in charge of a Parish or Congregation, with a reasonable expectation of continuing to hold such position, may undertake the organization of a Ward of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, in accordance with the Rules regulating the same.

26. No Assistant Minister or Curate may organize a Ward, without the written consent of the Rector or Priest in charge of the Church to which he is attached.

(2.) *Number of Associates Necessary.*

27. No Ward may be organized unless there be at least six Lay Associates resident in the city or Parish in which the same shall be situated, and a reasonable probability of further growth of Membership.

(3.) *Notice of Intention to be Given.*

28. Whenever it is proposed to organize a Ward, notice of the intention shall be given to the Superior-General, through the Secre-

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(6.) *Permanent Organization.*

32. Application must be made to the Council at its Annual Meeting for permission to organize a Permanent Ward; such Application shall set forth the true condition of the Ward as to growth and prospects.

33. This Application shall be laid before the Council at the Annual Meeting and the question of Permanent Organization shall be decided by their vote.

34. No Priest-Associate shall be entitled to a seat in the Council *ex-officio*, as Superior of a Ward, until the Ward has been Permanently Organized.

(7.) *Charters.*

35. A suitable Charter shall be issued by the Secretary-General under the seal of the Confraternity, and signed by the Superior-General, to each Permanent Ward.

36. The Superior-General may authorize Priests-Associate to keep a register of names of Lay Associates not connected with any Ward; to assist such Associates in carrying out the objects of the Confraternity, and to report upon same annually to the Secretary-General before Whitsunday.

(8.) *Vacancies.*

37. It shall be the duty of the Superior of a Ward, on leaving the Parish, or resigning the Superiorship, to notify the Secretary-

General of the fact, and provide for the perpetuation of the Ward.

38. In case it is found impossible to do so, the Charter of the Ward shall be returned by the Superior to the Secretary-General, and by him held in trust until the Ward is reorganized.

39. Should the Ward not be reorganized by the time of the next Annual Meeting of the Council, the Council may declare the Ward defunct, and its name shall be dropped from the list.

40. When the Superior of a Ward resigns the Superiorship, or the Charge in which the Ward is situated, he shall be considered to have resigned his seat in the Council.

41. If before the Annual Meeting of the Council the Ward reorganize under a new Superior, notice of the fact shall be given by the Ward Secretary to the Secretary-General, accompanied by an application from the new Superior for a return of the Charter, which shall at once be returned and the new Superior's name enrolled as a member of the Council.

(9.) *Reports.*

42. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Ward to make an Annual Report of the Condition of the Ward, the Nature of the Ward Meetings, the Amount of Funds received and expended, and a List of the Members. This Report shall be sent to the Secretary-General before June 1st.

43. Any Ward failing to report for three successive years shall be considered defunct, and its Charter shall be demanded by the Secretary-General.

44. The Superior-General may reinstate such Ward at any time within one year, on application from its Superior, if, in his judgment, to do so is for the interest of the Confraternity.

VII. Annual Conference.

45. There shall be an Annual Conference, open to all Associates, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, or within eight days of that date, after a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All Priests-Associate shall, within the same period, if possible, celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the objects and intentions of the Confraternity. Wherever practicable, the anniversary should be publicly observed by Priests-Associate.

VIII. Subscriptions and Offerings.

46. The Annual Subscription for the Quarterly Intercession Paper and the expenses of the Confraternity shall be ~~One~~ Dollar payable in advance on or before the first day of May.

47. Members of Religious Orders and Candidates for Holy Orders shall be exempt from the Annual Subscription.

48. Associates are urged to make Annual Offerings, or Subscriptions, according to their ability, for providing needy Parishes and

Missions with Altar Vessels, Vestments, etc. Application for such Grants shall be made to the Secretary-General, or to a Committee appointed by the Council. Appropriations for such Grants shall not exceed, except in exceptionally needy cases, one-half the cost of such Vessels, Vestments, etc.

49. Any Associate, upon the payment of the sum of $25. shall be exempt from the payment of the Annual Due.

IX. Intercessions and Quarterly Paper.

50. All requests for Intercessions must be sent to the Secretary-General, and, subject to his approval, the Intercessions shall be included in the Quarterly Paper.

51. The Quarterly Paper shall be sent to all Associates of the Confraternity, through the Superiors of Wards, or the Priests-Associate; but in the case of Associates so requesting they may be sent direct by the Secretary-General.

X. Medals.

52. Any Associate ceasing to be a Member of the Confraternity, by resignation or by removal from the Confraternity, is under an obligation to return the Medal to the Superior of the Ward, or to the Secretary-General.

XI. Alteration of Laws.

53. These laws may be added to or altered by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

On the Use of the Intercessions.

The following suggestions are offered as to the use of the Intercession Paper:

In order to fulfil the duty of making "mutual and special intercession at the time of and in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice," it is not necessary that Associates should be physically present at a Mass: It suffices, if prayer be made with an intention of offering the appointed intercessions in union with the Holy Sacrifice which at that moment is being offered somewhere in the world. Nor is it necessary that Associates, when present at a Mass, should use the intercessions in detail; for the purpose will be accomplished if the intercessions are read over previously and then offered, in intention, during the celebration. In the Intercession Paper, the petitions are arranged so that a certain portion may be used each day: If, however, any Associate finds this daily use inconvenient, the daily groupings may be combined and so used once a week. If, in any case, the use of the intercessions in detail be impracticable, Associates may fulfil their obligations by adding to their ordinary intercessions a general prayer "for all the objects prayed for in the Confraternity."

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PART II.

Form of Admission.

The Candidate to be admitted kneeling; the Priest-Associate standing, shall say:

IN the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

℣ Our help is in the Name of the LORD:

℟ *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

Let us pray.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
CHRIST, *have mercy upon us.*
LORD, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O LORD, save this Thy servant:
℟ *Who putteth* his *trust in Thee.*

℣ Send *him* help, O Lord, from the sanctuary:
℟ *And strengthen* him *out of Sion.*
℣ Remember all *his* offerings:
℟ *And accept* his *burnt sacrifice.*
℣ Grant *him his* heart's desire:
℟ *And fulfil all* his *mind.*
℣ Let *him* rejoice in Thy Salvation:
℟ *And triumph in the Name of the Lord* his *God.*
℣ O Lord, hear our prayer:
℟ *And let our cry come unto Thee.*
℣ The Lord be with you:
℟ *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who declarest Thine exceeding great Love in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; assist us, we beseech Thee, in these our supplications and prayers, and vouchsafe to receive *this* Thy servant now present before Thee, who desires to offer Thee special honor and worship in this adorable Mystery. Bless and sanctify *him* according to the multitude of Thy mercies; increase in *him* love and reverence for Thy Sacred Presence; bring forth in *him* the fruit of good living, and grant *him* steadfast perseverance unto the end, that hereafter *he* may behold, adore,

and rejoice in Thy unveiled Presence in Heaven, where with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, Thou livest and reignest, One GOD, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, Who in this Wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy BODY and BLOOD, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest, with the FATHER, in the Unity of the HOLY SPIRIT, One GOD, world without end. Amen.

The Superior, addressing the Person to be admitted, shall say:

DOST thou desire to be an Associate of the Confraternity of the BLESSED SACRAMENT?

Answer. I do.

Then the Superior shall say:

N. I ADMIT thee to be an Associate of the Confraternity of the BLESSED SACRAMENT of the BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST; In the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

Form for Blessing the Medal.

℣ Our help is in the Name of the LORD:

℟ *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

℣ The LORD be with you:

℟ *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

BLESS, ✠ O LORD, this Medal, and grant that *he*, (or *she*) who shall wear it may ever believe, [*if a Priest*, teach,] speak, and act according to the truth of Thy Blessed Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar, as shall be pleasing to Thee and profitable to *his* (or *her*) soul; Who livest and reignest, One GOD, world without end. Amen.

The Superior, giving to the new Associate the Medal, shall say:

RECEIVE this Token of thy Membership in the Confraternity of the BLESSED SACRAMENT of the BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST, and see that thou fulfil in thy life what thou dost profess with thy lips.

The Superior shall then say:

THE LORD, the Fountain of all grace and mercy, ever in His Blessed Sacrament strengthen and renew you, guide and preserve you amid the storms of this world, and bring you into the haven of everlasting salvation. Amen.

Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Father. Hail Mary. *silently.*

V. O GOD, make speed to save me:
R. *O LORD, make haste to help me.*

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Alleluia. *or, Septuagesima to Easter:*

Praise be to thee, O LORD, King of eternal glory.

Antiphon. CHRIST the LORD, a Priest forever.

PSALM CX. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my Lord: Sit Thou on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

The LORD shall send the rod of Thy power out of Sion: be Thou ruler, even in the midst among Thine enemies.

In the day of Thy power shall Thy people offer Thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of Thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The LORD sware and will not repent: Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedech.

The LORD upon Thy right hand: shall wound even kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen; He shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up His head.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. CHRIST the LORD a Priest forever ✱ after the order of Melchizedech, offered Bread and Wine.

Antiphon. The gracious LORD.

PSALM CXI. *Confitebor Tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done His marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He shall ever be mindful of His covenant.

He hath showed His people the power of His works: that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all His commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever; holy and reverend is His Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. The gracious LORD ★ hath given Meat unto them that fear Him, in remembrance of His marvellous works.

Antiphon. I will receive the Cup.

PSALM CXVI. 10. *Credidi.*

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the LORD: for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will receive the Cup of Salvation: and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people: right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Behold, O LORD, how that I am Thy servant: I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid; Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to Thee the Sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all His people: in the courts of the LORD'S house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I will receive the Cup ★ of Salvation, and I will offer the Sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Antiphon. Like the olive branches.

PSALM CXXVIII. *Beati omnes.*

BLESSED are all they that fear the LORD: and walk in His ways.

For thou shalt eat the labors of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive branches: round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the LORD.

The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long;

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Like the olive branches, ✱ may the children of the Church be round about the table of the LORD.

Antiphon. He that maketh peace.

PSALM CXLVII. 12. *Lauda Jerusalem.*

PRAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy GOD, O Sion.

For He hath made fast the bars of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: and His word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who is able to abide His frost?

He sendeth out His Word, and melteth them: He bloweth with His wind, and the waters flow.

He showeth His Word unto Jacob: His statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of His laws.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. He That maketh peace ★ in the borders of the Church, is the LORD That filleth us with the Flour of Wheat.

THE SHORT CHAPTER.

BRETHREN, For I have received of the LORD that which also I delivered unto you: that the LORD JESUS, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said, Take, eat; this is My Body which is broken for you; This do in remembrance of Me.

℟. *Thanks be to God.*

Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament.

HYMN.

Pange lingua gloriosi.

NOW, my tongue, the mystery telling
Of the glorious Body sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles' LORD and King,
In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with men in converse blending,
Dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.

That last night, at Supper lying,
'Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
JESUS, with the law complying,
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious Food supplying,
Gives Himself with His own Hand.

WORD-made-Flesh true bread He maketh
By His Word His Flesh to be;
Wine His Blood; which whoso taketh
Must from carnal thoughts be free;
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
Shows true hearts the mystery.

Therefore we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;

Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the FATHER, and the SON,
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

℣ Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven. [Alleluia.]
℟ *Containing in Itself all sweetness.* [*Alleluia.*]

Antiphon, 1st Vespers. O how sweet.

Or,

Antiphon, 2d Vespers. O Sacred Banquet.

MAGNIFICAT. *St. Luke* i.

MY soul doth magnify the LORD: and my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my SAVIOUR.

For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and Holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm:

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. O how sweet ★ is Thy Spirit O Lord, Who, that Thou mightest show forth Thy sweetness unto Thy children, feedest them with that most sweet Bread from Heaven, fillest the hungry with good things, and sendest the disdainful rich empty away.

Or,

Antiphon. O Sacred Banquet ★ wherein Christ is received: the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future Glory is given unto us, alleluia.

V. The LORD be with you:

R. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who in this Wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy BODY and BLOOD, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest with the FATHER, in the Unity of the HOLY SPIRIT, One GOD, world without end. Amen.

V. The LORD be with you:

R. *And with thy spirit.*

V. Let us bless the LORD:

R. *Thanks be to God.*

MAY the souls of the Faithful, through the Mercy of GOD, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Our Father. *Silently.*

V. The LORD give us His peace.

R. *And life everlasting. Amen.*

The Anthem of Our Lady for the season may follow.

NOTE—Antiphons are said throughout (doubled) before Psalms and Magnificat on Corpus Christi and its Octave Day, and at Solemn Vespers. "Alleluia" is added to all antiphons in Eastertide, and omitted from everything from Septuagesima to Easter. Stand throughout the Office, except during the Psalms and their Antiphons, when it is the custom to sit.

Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

O Salutaris Hostia.

O SAVING Victim, opening wide
The gate of Heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to Thee ascend
Forevermore, blest One in Three;
O, grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

Here may be sung a Litany, or some suitable Eucharistic Hymn.

Tantum Ergo.

THEREFORE we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the FATHER, and the SON,
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

℣ Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven. [Alleluia.]

℟ *Containing in Itself all sweetness.* [*Alleluia.*]

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who in this Wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest, with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Divine Praises are said.

Antiphon. Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament. (*Alleluia.*)

PSALM CXVII. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord all ye heathen: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be..... As it was.....

Antiphon is repeated.

Acts of Devotion and Prayers.

The Daily Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, look, we beseech Thee, on the Face of Thy Beloved Son, and for the sake of His merits, mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer unto Thee [especially . . .], and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to Thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Confraternity.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing to this Confraternity, that all the Associates may earnestly strive to promote the Honor due to Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood; and grant that, persevering unto the end in the faith, practice and communion of Thy Holy Church, we may all at length attain to everlasting life. Through the Same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Increase of Reservation.

O GOD, Who, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, dost in a special manner fulfil Thy promise to be with Thy people until the end of the world; increase the ancient practice of the Reservation of this Holy Mystery, that our Priests may at all times be able to minister the same to the sick and dying, and Thy faithful people to adore and worship Thee, Who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, One GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

Anima Christi.

SOUL of CHRIST, sanctify me:
BODY of CHRIST, save me:
BLOOD of CHRIST, inebriate me:
Water from the Side of CHRIST, wash me:
Passion of CHRIST, strengthen me:
O Good JESU, hear me:
Within Thy Wounds hide me:
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee:
From the malicious enemy defend me:
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to Thee;
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
For all eternity. Amen.

Acts of Reparation.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast willed to abide with us always in this Wonderful Sacrament, thus ever glorifying Thy FATHER by the Memorial of Thy Passion, and giving unto us the Food of Life; grant us grace to grieve with a hearty sorrow for the insults offered this Holy Mystery, and to repair so far as lies in our power, with sincere love, the many dishonors Thou still continuest to receive in this Holy Sacrament, who livest and reignest with the FATHER, in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, One GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, my GOD and SAVIOUR, Who, as Thou didst endure for our salvation the outrages of those who crucified Thee, so now endurest the irreverences of those who "discern Thee not," rather than withhold Thy Sacred Presence from our Altars; grant us Thy grace to bewail, with true sorrow of heart, the indignities committed against Thee; and with devout love to repair, as far as lies in our power, the many dishonors Thou still continuest to receive in this Adorable Mystery; Who livest and reignest, with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, One GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

An Office of Spiritual Communion.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

OUR FATHER . . .

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD, I desire to present to Thee the offerings of a broken and contrite heart. I grieve that I have ever offended Thee who art so good. Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and by the grace of Thy most loving pardon, strengthen me that I may never again offend Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed. (3 times)

Spiritual Communion.

IN UNION, DEAR LORD, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where Thy Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that Thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy Love. Amen.

COME, LORD JESUS, dwell in Thy servant in the fullness of Thy strength, in the perfection of Thy ways, and in the holiness of Thy Spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of Thy spirit, and to the glory of Thy Father. Amen.

MAY THE BODY AND BLOOD of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

BLESSED, praised and adored be Jesus Christ on His Throne of glory in heaven, and in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

Suggested Devotional Books.

PRAYER BOOKS

St. Augustine's Prayer Book, Holy Cross Press, West Park, N. Y.

Practice of Religion, Morehouse-Gorham Co., New York.

Book of Prayers for all Churchmen, (Father Field's Prayer Book), S.S.J.E., Cambridge, Mass.

Catholic Prayers, W. Knott & Son, London.

Anglo-Catholic Prayer Book, C.L.A., London.

Manual of Catholic Devotion, C.L.A., London.

MISSALS

The People's Anglican Missal (American edition), Frank Gavin Foundation, Mt. Sinai, N. Y.

The English Missal for the Laity, W. Knott & Son, London.

A Daily Missal, C.L.A., London.